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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 4,960,271
- AL German OS 197 21 537
- AM German PS 42 10 866

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL and AM were identified and discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present specification. English translations of those references are not readily available to the Applicants, however, Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references.

Reference AA was identified and discussed at page 3 of the present specification.

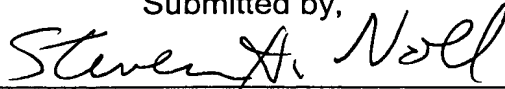
Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

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As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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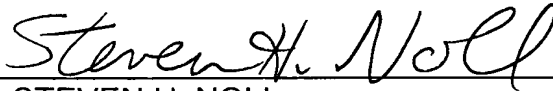
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